

# HOW TO REPORT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FRAUD

## TYPES OF FRAUD

- Using another person's identity (e.g., name, social security number) to file fraudulent claims
- Stealing someone's mail – a federal crime – and cashing their unemployment checks
- Working while collecting unemployment benefits, and not reporting it to EDD
- Aiding someone in filing a fraudulent claim
- Falsifying information or failing to disclose information
- Failing to accurately report hours of work and earnings
- Reporting that they looked for work when they did not
- Not reporting cash wages to EDD
- Failing to be able and available to work (eg., out of the area, on vacation) and collecting UI benefits

*Unemployment Insurance (UI) fraud is a crime, and it hurts everyone. It drives up unemployment taxes for businesses, and causes frustration for law-abiding workers. Individuals who commit fraud are subject to fines, penalties, and/or criminal prosecution. If you suspect someone is committing unemployment insurance fraud, please tell us about it.*

## HOW TO REPORT FRAUD

If you think someone is fraudulently collecting unemployment benefits, please call our toll-free fraud hotline at **1-800-229-6297**. All allegations of fraud are taken seriously, and you will remain anonymous if you prefer. Please include as much of the following information as you can:

- ☒ Who is committing fraud?
- ☒ What is their address?
- ☒ What is their social security number?
- ☒ What is their telephone number?
- ☒ What are they doing? (Working? Running a business while collecting benefits? Not looking for work?)
- ☒ When did they start doing this?
- ☒ If they are working, what is the employer's name, address, and telephone number?
- ☒ What is your name, address and telephone number? (optional)

## REMEMBER

*YOU are a very important source of information about claimants and employers committing fraud.*



For more information on UI fraud, visit the Employment Development Department's Web site at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov).